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### ***"AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND THE RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 2-53m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

5 (a) The [select] joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
6 having cognizance of matters relating to children, in consultation with  
7 the Office of Fiscal Analysis, the Office of Legislative Research and the  
8 Commission on Children, shall maintain an annual report card that  
9 evaluates the progress of state policies and programs in promoting the  
10 result that all Connecticut children grow up in a stable living  
11 environment, safe, healthy and ready to lead successful lives. Progress  
12 shall be measured by primary indicators of progress, including, but  
13 not limited to, indicators established in the final report of the  
14 Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee, prepared  
15 pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of public act 09-166, of state-

16 wide rates of child abuse, child poverty, low birth weight [ ] and third  
17 grade reading proficiency, the United Nations Convention on the  
18 Rights of the Child, and the annual social health index developed  
19 pursuant to section 46a-131a. For each indicator, the data shall also be  
20 presented according to ethnicity or race, gender, geography and,  
21 where appropriate, age and other relevant characteristics. Said  
22 committee shall prepare the report card on or before January 15, 2012,  
23 and annually thereafter. On or before January 15, 2012, and annually  
24 thereafter, said committee shall make the report card available to the  
25 public on the Internet and on the web site of the General Assembly and  
26 shall transmit the report card electronically to (1) members of the joint  
27 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
28 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
29 and human services, (2) the Commissioners of Children and Families,  
30 Education and Public Health, (3) the Child Advocate, (4) the Secretary  
31 of the Office of Policy and Management, and (5) the Chief Court  
32 Administrator.

33 (b) On or before January 15, 2012, the [select] joint standing  
34 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
35 relating to children, in consultation with a working group of  
36 representatives of state agencies and departments, community  
37 organizations, private provider agencies operating programs that  
38 impact the well-being of children and families, parents and other  
39 caretakers of children, child advocacy organizations, health care  
40 professionals that serve children and families, schools, and child care  
41 providers, shall identify or develop (1) an indicator for measuring  
42 whether children are living with their families and have stability in  
43 their living environments, (2) secondary indicators for measuring  
44 progress within each area of children's well-being [related to  
45 measuring progress in their] outlined in the United Nations  
46 Convention on the Rights of the Child, including, but not limited to,  
47 health, safety, stability, education, food security and future success,  
48 [including, but not limited to, food security,] and (3) key measures of  
49 performance of the state child welfare system, including, but not

50 limited to, (A) rates of repeat maltreatment among victims of child  
 51 abuse and neglect; (B) placement in out-of-home care among children  
 52 at risk of abuse and neglect; (C) child fatalities involving child abuse or  
 53 neglect; (D) rates of reunification and permanency for children  
 54 removed from their homes; and (E) the developmental and health  
 55 status and educational progress of children served by the child welfare  
 56 system and other appropriate measures of well-being and preparation  
 57 for success in life. Not less than annually, said committee shall: (i) With  
 58 the assistance of the working group, review the adequacy of primary  
 59 and secondary indicators, system-level performance measures, and  
 60 related data resources for such indicators and measures, and  
 61 determine whether there are more appropriate alternatives to  
 62 monitoring progress in achieving the result that all Connecticut  
 63 children grow up in a stable living environment, safe, healthy and  
 64 ready to lead successful lives, and (ii) in consultation with the results-  
 65 based accountability subcommittee of the joint standing committee of  
 66 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
 67 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, identify programs  
 68 within the child welfare system that make a significant contribution to  
 69 achieving such result and require the entities administering such  
 70 programs to prepare annual report cards employing the results-based  
 71 format developed by said subcommittee.

72 (c) For purposes of this section, the "United Nations Convention on  
 73 the Rights of the Child" means the convention adopted by the United  
 74 Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989, since ratified by one  
 75 hundred ninety-three nations, that represents the first international  
 76 instrument to address the civil, political, economic, social and cultural  
 77 rights of children."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	2-53m